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Need For Shake-up

MR. EDITOR:

Recent reports on the testimony of Archibald Roosevelt before the House Committee on Un-American Activities that the McCarran-Walter Immigration Law "should be tightened still further and not liberalized," and "opposition to that law comes only from hard-core Communists, a few bleeding-heart Americans and well meaning people who have been brainwashed" is the kind of patriotic Americanism which made our nation great and strong.

Also the testimony of retired Adm. Charles M. Cook concerning overseas intelligence operations "that many diplomats sent home intelligence reports from trouble spots which conformed to policy instead of reporting facts as they existed."

God give us more courageous Americans like these two.

What we need is a complete and drastic shake-up in the State Department and Central Intelligence Agency. These are the weakest links in our national security and defensive strategy and until we have a change and have top men in these vital positions, who are firm in their opposition to Communist intrigue, we face certain continuation of a soft policy toward communism and disaster on both diplomatic and strategic military fronts.

I suggest that Herbert Hoover Jr. be made Secretary of State with Gen. Alfred Gruenther as assistant, or Undersecretary of State, as co-ordinator of defensive strategy with diplomacy and foreign policy. Both of these men have the kind of know-how and experience to chart a safe course for our Ship of State through today's troubled waters.

I would also suggest Adm. Cook to head our Central Intelligence Agency. Unless we do something effective to stop the present tendency to drift in foreign policy, we are likely to land on the rocks. Our diplomats are playing a losing game with the Kremlin.

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